Danube Crested Newt

Triturus dobrogicus

Triturus dobrogicus is a slender crested newt, 13-18 cm long, from the Danube basin and the plains of the large rivers. It is the smallest and most aquatic of the crested newts, with an orange to red belly and sharply defined black spots. The male develops a serrated crest in spring. The species is rare in captivity, and its care follows that of the other crested newts.

Famille: Salamandridae **Toxines cutanées faibles**

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**13-18 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**7-17 ans**
Activité	**Au crépuscule et la nuit**
Mode de vie	**Semi-aquatique**
Habitat	**Zone humide et forêt et prairie tempérées**
Toxines cutanées	**Faibles** Lavez-vous les mains après le contact et gardez les doigts loin des yeux et de la bouche
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**45 × 30 × 30 cm** L × l × H pour 4 adultes
Température, jour	**12-20 °C**
Température, nuit	**8-15 °C**
Hygrométrie	**70-95 %**
Eau	**Aquaterrarium** profondeur 15-30 cm
Température de l'eau	**10-20 °C**
UVB	**Non nécessaires**
Repos hivernal	**4-10 °C** 6-12 semaines
Alimentation	**Insectes et vers/escargots**
Détention	**En couple ou en groupe**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Développement	**Larves dans l'eau**
Lieu de ponte	**Dans l'eau**
Maturité sexuelle	**12-36 mois**
Œufs par saison	**200**
Éclosion	**14-35 jours**
Durée du stade larvaire	**60-120 jours** de l'éclosion à la métamorphose
Alimentation des larves	**Aliment complet, autres larves et petits invertébrés aquatiques (daphnies, larves de moustiques)**
Soins parentaux	**Aucun**

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Non inscrite**
Annexe UE	**Non inscrite**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Triturus dobrogicus*, and the species is rare in captivity.
TEMPÉRATURE	*Triturus dobrogicus* loves cool conditions. The water is kept at 10-20 °C and must never become warmer; the animals are active down to about 5 °C.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET BRUMISATION	In the aquatic phase humidity is not a problem. In the land phase the soft skin dries out quickly, so the substrate must be damp, with a humidity of 70-95%.
EAU ET QUALITÉ DE L'EAU	Water depth is 15-30 cm, and the water is kept at 10-20 °C. The species is used to river water and tolerates many kinds of water, but chlorine harms it; tap water that has stood for a couple of days is unproblematic.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The animals are nocturnal and do not need UVB. The plants need light to grow, and an ordinary aquarium lamp is enough.
ALIMENTATION	In the water *T. dobrogicus* takes earthworms, freshwater shrimp (*Gammarus*), bloodworms, daphnia and white worms. Frozen bloodworms and fish food are also taken, but often have to be offered with tweezers at first.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	*Triturus dobrogicus* is nocturnal and hides in vegetation by day. In the water the animals snap at anything that moves, including each other during feeding, and in the wild they also eat smaller newts and tadpoles.
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